THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes Sir. The Government of Kerala is subsidising the price of rice by an amount equal to the enhancement in its Central Issue Price made by the Central Government w.e.f. 28.12.1991.

(b) The Central Government has increased the Central Issue Price of rice, wheat issued to the States/U.Ts. for distribution under the Public Distribution System for all States/U.Ts w.e.f. 28.12.1991 to partially absorb the increase in the minimum support prices of rice and wheat till 1991-92 kharif and rabi marketing seasons. Even after this increase, the Central Government bears substantial amount of subsidy on the issue of foodgrains distributed under Public Distribution System. No separate financial assistance is given to any State Government/U.T. Administration towards subsidising the price of commodities issued for the Public Distribution System.

Conversion of Residential Plots into Commercial

1185. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the residential roadside plots in Rohini have been converted into commercial plots, and

(b) if so, the steps the Government have taken to check commercialisation of residential areas in Rohini?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). Residential Plots in Rohini have not been converted into commercial plots. However, some cases of misuse of residential premises for commercial purposes have come to the notice of the Delhi Development Authority. It is reported by the DDA that in cases where the misuse of premises have been found to be correct, action has been initiated. Such action includes issue of show-cause notices, termination of lease and prosecution under Section 14 read with Section 29 (2) of the Delhi Development Act, 1957.

Introduction of Dual Ration Cards in Maharashtra

1187. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra introduce dual ration card system;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has approved the above system; and

(c) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Development of Slum Areas in Hyderabad

1188. SHRI DHARMABIK SHAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are contemplating to take up a master plan for the welfare and development of slum areas in Hyderabad with World Bank assistance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?